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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-448-A)

In the Application of:

Rodgers and diZerega

Serial No.: 09/723,255

Filing Date: November 27, 2000

For: Methods for Treating and Preventing  
Alopecia

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- ☒ Response to Office Action Mailed July 15, 2002 (3 sheets);
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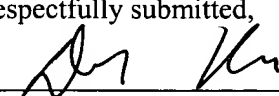
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS**

*In the claims:*

*Please cancel claims 12 and 14*

*an* 11. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the active agent comprises the sequence SEQ ID NO:41.

*as* 13. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the active agent consists of the sequence of SEQ ID NO:41.

**REMARKS**

In response to the office action mailed July 15, 2002, the Applicants herewith elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-16 drawn a method of treating alopecia. The Applicants further elect the method using SEQ ID NO:41 (NorLeu-AII(1-7)). During a telephone conference with the Examiner on August 14, 2002, the Examiner stated that generic claims encompassing the elected peptide would be considered. All of the pending claims encompass the use of SEQ ID NO:41.